

Please amend the present application as follows:

**Specification**

The following is a marked-up version of the specification with the language that is underlined (“    ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

Page 1, lines 10 through 22.

~~To cite an~~ For example, a given web service may be designed to identify the cheapest long distance rates for a given client. In such a case, the client may provide various information to the web service such as a client identity, a city and state of residence, an indication of typical calling patterns, *etc.*, and the web service will use that information to identify a service provider and/or calling plan that would cost the least for the client based upon the client-provided information. In making the determination as to which service provider and/or calling plan is best for the client, the web service may leverage the resources of one or more other web services, for instance hosted by one or more long distance service providers (*e.g.*, AT&T<sup>TM</sup>, Sprint<sup>TM</sup>, MCI<sup>TM</sup>, *etc.*). Specifically, the web service that was called upon by the client to return the best provider/plan may act in the capacity of a client relative to other web services in order to collect information from those services that is needed to make the provider/plan determination.